

Development to Honnavar as Minor Port

688. **Sri M. M. JALISATGI** (Bhatkal).—

Will the Minister of State for Fisheries and Ports be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Honnavar in the N.K. District is being developed as a minor Port ;

(b) if so, whether wharves have been constructed on the Southern and Western side by filling in portions of Sharavathi and Badagami-rivers respectively ;

(c) if so, the amount spent for the acquisition, filling in of the river and for the construction of the wharves, roads, culverts, in that area ;

(d) the purpose for which so much area has been taken over ?

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Minister of State for Fisheries and Ports).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (b).

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (b).

Collection of Sales Tax from Co-operative Societies

537. **Sri G. RAME GOWDA** (Doddaballapur).—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government is aware that several cases have been filed in the Courts for the recovery of collection of sales tax from the Co-operative Societies on the sales of foodgrains ;

(b) whether it is not a fact that though sales tax was not collected by societies the department is insisting on payment of taxes ;

(c) the profit allowed for the sale of one quintal of foodgrains as against the sales tax demanded on the sale of one quintal of foodgrains ;

(d) the departmental supervision provided for collection of sales tax over the sales of foodgrains ;

(e) since how long collection of arrears of sales tax on sales of foodgrains was overlooked ;

(f) the reasons for not demanding sales tax every year, so far ;

(g) whether the Government intends to take immediate action to waive such arrears of sales tax in the interest of service co-operative societies ?